Attorney Docket No.: SSI-00700

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Maximilian A. Biberger et al.

Serial No.: 09/704,641

Filed: November 1, 2000

For:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR

SUPERCRITICAL PROCESSING

OF A WORKPIECE

Group Art Unit: 1763

Examiner: Ram N. Kackar

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED ON

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Sir:

These amendments and remarks are submitted in response to the final Office Action mailed on February 4, 2004.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.



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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

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Independent Claims	* 4	MINUS	*** 3	1	86.00	86.00
_ First Presentation Of Multiple Dependent Claim					290.00	

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- 2. X A check in the amount of \$158.00 is attached.
- 3. X Please charge any additional fees, including any fees necessary for extensions of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. <u>08-1275</u>. An originally executed duplicate of this transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
- 4. Petition for extension of time. The undersigned attorney of record hereby petitions for an extension of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), as may be required, to file this response.

Dated: April 2, 2004

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Dated: April 2, 2004

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